



LEAN ON PETE

20th
Year!

Autumn
Season
2018

Release: 2017

Cert (UK): 15

Country: UK (USA)

Language: English

Runtime: 2 hour 1 min

Director: Andrew Haigh

Writer: Andrew Haigh (screenplay), Wily Vlautin (author)

Cinematographer: Magnus Nordenhof Jønck

Cast: Charlie Plummer, Amy Seimetz, Travis Fimmel, Steve Buscemi



Andrew Haigh's '45 Years' went down well in Keswick in 2015. 'Lean on Pete' was released just too late for us to get it last season; it gets a viewing here with thanks to one of our members who suggested it.

Haigh continues his compassionate style of directing, but this time in America with a story about Charley, a 15-year-old boy and his father. *'The collapse of Charley's fragile home life is softened by finding a new purpose elsewhere. He earns cash helping out likable old racing hand Del (Steve Buscemi), who enters horses in scrappy local competitions'* - Dave Calhoun, Time Out. *'In ways I wouldn't spoil, 'Lean on Pete' becomes something of a road movie about a boy and a horse... Charley's situation becomes increasingly desperate and moving, but never in a way that feels melodramatic. The main reason for that is the incredible trust that Haigh places in Plummer... This is such a subtle, beautiful performance'* - Brian Tallerico, RogerEbert.com.

